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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Lincoln County Central Branch Line Rehabilitation project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Lincoln County and the project is located at 404 Sinclair St, Davenport, WA 99122.

The funding is designated for the return of the Palouse River & Coulee City (PCC) rail system back to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Class 2 status.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the region as it will significantly reduce current uncertainty about the ability of the Central Washington (CW) lines to maintain rail service to its shippers in the long term. Without this critical investment, the CW Line's current use levels and its rapidly deteriorating condition is speculated to cause an embargo in the near term.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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